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Cheating of foreign tourist at IGI airport by travel agents

†2313. SHRI BANWARI LAL KANCHHAL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be plesed to state:

(a) whether travel agents at Indira Gandhi International airport cheat the foreign tourist; and

(b) if so, the arrangements made to protect foreign tourists from such elements?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY): (a) and (b) No, Sir. Only one case of cheating of foreign tourist at Indira Gandhi International Airport has been registered by Delhi Police during the period from 2004 to 30th November, 2006.

With a view to provide security/facilities to foreign tourist, Delhi Police has set up "Delhi Tourist Police" under which one vehicle each with one Sub-Inspector, one Head Constable/Constable and one woman Constable along with a driver is deployed at 10 important points including Indira Gandhi International Airport. The other measures taken to provide security/ facilities to foreign tourist include keeping surveillance over the areas frequented by tourists including taxis/autos leaving airports alongwith tourist; running of Pre-paid Fare Booths; issue of complaint cards to passengers availing taxi facility at the airports; launching of a drive to verify the character and antecedents of taxi drivers operating at Indira Gandhi International Airport and issue of Pulic Service Vehicle Badges to them.

Setback to peace talks with ULFA

†2314. SHRI DHARAM PAL SABHARWAL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(a) whether it is a fact that the peace process received a setback because of acheiving no significant success despite negotiating ceasefire with ULFA in Assam and its connections with I.S.I. of Pakistan;

(b) if so, the details of dialogue proceedings carried out by the Central Government during the last two months in this regard; and

(c) what is being contemplated about the action to be taken in the ensuing months?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY): (a) to (c) Three rounds of talks with People's Consultative Group (Peoples' Consultative Group) set up by United Liberation Front of Asom (ULFA) had been held. Efforts with People's Consultative Group representatives for holding these talks were continued even after three rounds through mutual initiatives. Government had also declared unilateral Suspension of Operations (SoO) by Army against ULFA from 13.8.2006 to 20.9.2006 with a view to create a conducive atmosphere for holding of peace talks. Since there was no direct response from ULFA and reports were received of regrouping, new raising, movement of stores/ arms, violence and extortion by ULFA cadres, Counter Insurgency Operations against ULFA have been resumed.

The Government is open to talks with any militant group provided they shun violence. However, Government is taking appropriate action to protect the lives and property of its citizens.

Prevention of ULFA attacks

2315. SHRI MOINUL HASSAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether in view of its latest strike wherein ULFA terrorism claimed 14 lives in Guwahati Government consider the problem is likely to go away by itself or through talks, indirect or direct; and

(b) what steps have been taken to upgrade intelligence and tighten the security, increasing the security forces and comprehensive sweep on the ground, to prevent further attacks?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY): (a) The Government is open to talks with any